GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMITTEES IN CIL.
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Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

a) the names of the various Committees constituted for each subsidiary of Coal India Ltd.and the details of the steps taken by these Committees; and
b) the expenditure incurred by the Government on enquiry Committees constituted for subsidiaries of Coal India Limited and the details of achievements made in the interest of these Subsidiaries?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINES AND MINERALS
(SMT. RITA VERMA)
(a) to (b) During the last five years five committees were constituted for subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited, by the erstwhile Ministry of Coal. Government have not incurred any expenditure on setting up of these enquiry committees. The details of the Committees are as under:
1. A High level Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (Coal) was constituted in December 1996 to look into the fire and subsidence problem in Raniganj and Jharia coalfields of Eastern Coalfields Limited and Bharat Coking Coal Limited.
Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee for implementation and accordingly 8 schemes in respect of BCCL (4 relating to subsidence control and 4 dealing with fire) have been approved for a total cost of Rs. 16.18 crores and are under implementation. Stabilisation has already been under-taken at five unstable locations of ECL and five more have been approved and will be implemented shortly. Further two schemes − one each for ECL and BCCL,approved by the government for rehabilitation of affected people from fire/subsidence prone areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.52 crores and Rs. 33.88 crores respectively, are at different stages of implementation.
2. A Committee on longwall and other underground mining technology in Indian mining condition was setup under the Chairmanship of Sh. R.G. Mahendru, Ex. CMD, Central Mining Planning and Designing Institute Limited in January,1998 to look into the causes and circumstances for the premature failure of power support face equipment at Kottadih mine of ECL.
The recommendations made by the committee are under consideration of the Government.
3. An independent committee under the chairmanship of Sh. N.K.Sharma, Director(T), CIL was constituted in June1999 to look into the details of incidence of fire at Madhuban Washery of BCCL.
The report of the committee has been accepted by the Govt. and forwarded to BCCL for implementationand for taking action against responsible officers.
4. A High Power Committee under the chairmanship ofSh. H.B. Ghosh, Ex. DGMS was constituted on 29.7.99 to look into the details of accident at Parascole Colliery of ECL. The Committee is finalising its report.
5. A Committee for revision of norms for availability and utilization of Heavy Earth Moving Machinery by coal companies, was constituted on 7-5-1999 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Coal.
The deliberations of the Committee are continuing.